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BELPRE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD

COLUMBUS - Amy Lea Wilson, age 39, of Belpre, Ohio pled guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of bank fraud.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division announced the plea entered today before United States District Judge George C. Smith.

According to a statement of facts filed with her plea agreement, Wilson defrauded her employer, Marietta Savings Bank, by establishing false, fictitious and fraudulent loan files with fictitious customer names and false social security numbers, and used those fake loan files to disburse Marietta Savings Bank checks, funds and credits for her own personal benefit from 1993 until 2001.

FBI agents found that Wilson illegally used bank funds in various ways, including making substantial payments on at least 10 of her personal credit card accounts, a \$5,000 payment to support her brother's stock-car racing team, payments for her homeowners' insurance and real estate taxes, payments on her own loans with various financial institutions, and disbursements directly into her own personal accounts with the bank. Wilson's scheme cost the bank an amount approaching, but not exceeding, \$350,000.

Judge Smith will permit Wilson to remain free on bond until sentencing, which will occur in approximately 10 weeks after a thorough presentence investigation and preparation of a presentence report by the Probation Department.

Lockhart commended the agents in the FBI's Cambridge office for their investigation in this case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel A. Brown who prosecuted the case.

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